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PROGRAM PRODUCT)	

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Sir:

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. This IDS supplements the IDS filed June 27, 2003.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached. Applicant also submits English language Abstracts for the foreign documents. In addition, Applicant submits a copy of a "Notification of Reasons for Rejection" issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application, as well as an English translation of the Notification, citing the non-English documents and indicating their relevance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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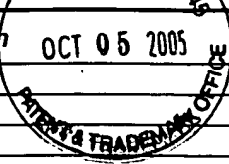
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Respectfully submitted,

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		JP 2001-168940	06/22/2001	Shuji OTSUKA		Abstract
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		JP 9-190306	07/22/1997	Yasushi MOCHIZUKI		Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
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		Notification of Reasons for Rejection, dated July 12, 2005, issued by Japanese Patent Office in Japanese application no. 2002-191195 and English translation thereof	

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